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Case Number: AF 09-0688

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Re: Professional Rules of Conduct- Rule 8.4

Honorable Members of the Court,

12/1/16

I am writing this letter in response to your call for public comment on your order of October 26, 2016 regarding case number AF 09-0688 on the proposed new Rule 8.4(g) of the Professional Rules of Conduct for Montana Attorneys.

I am firmly against the adoption of this rule for the following reasons.

It cannot be fair to severely limit American's free speech during social activities "in connection with the practice of law.

You should not attempt to limit free speech for any group of people and, with this rule, you are singling out attorneys for this treatment. Even groups such as anti-American communists would have more right to free speech than American lawyers. The people have the right to hear many diverse points of view. In America, even critical speech by avowed communists is protected. Singling out any particular group is not what we, as a people, are about.

We have managed to survive as a truly diverse nation for over 200 years without limiting free speech in this manner.

I submit that it is not the Court's decision to help effect any "cultural changes". Culture is a product of the people ... not a handful of men and women elected by the American people to uphold and administer the laws we create with our votes.

Respectfully submitted,



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